

Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 TOKYO 15174 231039Z

64

ACTION EA-09

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 CIAE-00 PM-04 H-02 INR-07 L-03 NSAE-00

NSC-05 PA-01 PRS-01 SP-02 SS-15 USIA-06 CU-02 /058 W

----- 098769

R 230941Z OCT 75

FM AMEMBASSY TOKYO

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 4324

AMEMBASSY SEOUL

AMCONSUL HONG KONG

USLO PEKING

CINCPAC HONOLULU, HI

SECDEF WASH DC

C O N F I D E N T I A L TOKYO 15174

CINCPAC FOR POLAD

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINT, JA

SUBJ: JSP VISIT TO WASHINGTON

REF: TOKYO 14289, DTG 070940Z OCT 75

SUMMARY: EDA MISSION MEMBERS ARE HIGHLY ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT AND APPRECIATIVE OF THEIR VISIT TO THE US. MISSION REPORT, RECOMMENDING EXPANDED PROGRAM OF EXCHANGES WITH US, HAS RECEIVED UNANIMOUS APPROVAL OF JSP DIET MEMBERS CAUCUS. WE BELIEVE MISSION HAS OPENED POSSIBILITIES FOR EXPANDED DIALOGUE WITH PARTY. END SUMMARY.

1. IN CONVERSATION WITH DCM AND OTHER EMBOFFS OCTOBER 22 JSP MISSION LEADER SABURA EDA CHARACTERIZED MISSION'S VISIT TO THE US AS "EPOCHAL." HE EXPRESSED WARM APPRECIATION FOR RECEPTION IN WASHINGTON AND NEW YORK AND REPEATED HIS HOPE THAT MISSION HAD ONLY BEEN THE FIRST OF MANY TO COME. EDA SAID THAT MISSION REPORT TO JSP DIET MEMBERSHIP HAD BEEN UNANIMOUSLY AND ENTHUSIASTICALLY APPROVED. HE EXPECTS THAT REPORT, CONTAINING THE MISSION'S
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 TOKYO 15174 231039Z

RECOMMENDATION FOR EXPANDED CONTACTS WITH THE US, WILL ALSO

BE APPROVED BY JSP'S CENTRAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, AS WELL. HE WAS SURPRISED AND GRATEFUL FOR THE SECRETARY'S LETTER TO THE DELEGATION AND PRESENTED A LETTER OF APPRECIATION FOR THE SECRETARY, IN A JOCUAR TONE, EDA, A LIFE-LONG SCOTCH DRINKER, ALLOWED THAT HE HAD BECOME ADDICTED TO JACK DANIELS DURING HIS STAY.

2. MISSION WAS IMPRESSED WITH SECRETARY SCHLESINGER'S FRANKNESS AND CLARITY IN EXPLAINING US THINKING AND POLICIES. EDA SAID THAT, WHILE USG OFFICIALS AND JSP WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO AGREE ON EVERY QUESTION, IT WAS VERY IMPORTANT THAT EACH SIDE'S VIEWS BE THOROUGHLY UNDERSTOOD. HE ADDED THAT THE MISSION HAD MADE MUCH PROGRESS TO THAT END.

3. MISSION MEMBER KOBAYASHI (WHO REPRESENTS MARXIST, LEFT-WING OF JSP) COMMENTED THAT KIM IL-SUNG, IN A MEETING WITH PARTY VICE-CHAIRMAN AKAMATSU IN PYONGYANG LAST MONTH, HAD COMMENTED FAVORABLY ON JSP'S NEW APPROACH TO US. HE ADDED THAT SOVIET MINISTER OF FOREIGN TRADE NIKOLAY SEMENOVICH PATOLICHEV, WHEN ATTENDING USSR NATIONAL DAY AT OKINAWA EXPO HAD MADE SIMILAR REMARK TO JSP DIETMEN.

4. COMMENT: WE WERE IMPRESSED WITH ENTHUSIASM AND FEELING OF GOODWILL WITH WHICH JSP MISSION MEMBERS REACTED TO THEIR US VISIT. NEVERTHELESS, EDA AND HIS SYMPATHIZERS IN THE JSP (INCLUDING SECGEN ISHIBASHI WHO ATTENDED LAST NIGHT'S MEETING) HAVE GONE TO GREAT LENGTHS TO POINT OUT THAT MISSION WILL NOT LEAD TO CHANGE IN JSP DOCTRINE. INSTEAD, THEY NOTE THAT BIG CHANGE IN USG-JSP RELATIONSHIP RESULTS FROM "WILLINGNESS OF US TO TALK TO JSP" RATHER THAN OTHER WAY AROUND. THEY HAVE ALSO WIDELY PUBLICIZED WITHIN JSP SEAL OF APPROVAL WHICH SOVIETS AND NORTH KOREANS HAVE APPARENTLY PLACED ON MISSION. THIS SHOULD HELP EDA IN DEALING WITH JSP LEFT-WING WHICH CONTINUES TO HAVE RESERVATIONS ABOUT EXPANDED CONTACTS WITH THE US. WITHIN THIS FRAMEWORK JSP MODERATES (WHO CONSTITUTE BULK OF JSP DIET MEMBERS BUT WHO, REGRETTABLY, ARE ALWAYS IN A MINORITY AT ANNUAL JSP CONVENTIONS WHICH SET THE PARTY LINE) SHOULD NOW BE ABLE TO DO WHAT THEY COULD
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 03 TOKYO 15174 231039Z

NOT DO FOR 18 YEARS - PARTICIPATE IN EXCHANGE PROGRAMS WITH US CONGRESSMEN, ACCEPT US INTERNATIONAL VISITOR GRANTS AND OTHERWISE "NORMALIZE" CONTACTS WITH THE AMERICAN ESTABLISHMENT. IT IS ONLY A MODEST BEGINNING BUT IT DOES MARK OFFICIAL RECOGNITION BY THE JSP OF THE FUNDAMENTAL IMPORTANCE TO JAPAN OF RELATIONSHIP WITH US.
HODGSON

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: LEGISLATORS, ITINERARY, VISITS, DIPLOMATIC DISCUSSIONS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 23 OCT 1975
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: ElyME
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1975TOKYO15174
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: GS
Errors: N/A
Film Number: D750369-0151
From: TOKYO
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1975/newtext/t19751026/aaaaaxko.tel
Line Count: 114
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Office: ACTION EA
Original Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 3
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: 75 TOKYO 14289
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: ElyME
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 09 JUL 2003
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <09 JUL 2003 by ShawDG>; APPROVED <14 NOV 2003 by ElyME>
Review Markings:

Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
06 JUL 2006

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: JSP VISIT TO WASHINGTON
TAGS: PINT, JA, JSP
To: STATE
Type: TE
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 06 JUL 2006